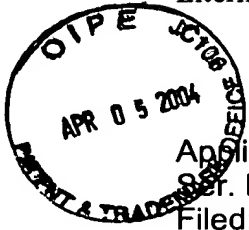


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, having a shortened period for response which expired on January 1, 2004, which period has been extended to expire on April 1, 2004, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Please charge the required fee for filing a response within 3 months of the shortened statutory period for response pursuant to to Deposit Account 07-0832. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment is respectfully requested.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.